



State of Tennessee  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**  
**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

January 13, 2015

Mr. Pat Harrell, District Engineer  
White House Utility District  
e-copy: [pharrell@whud.org](mailto:pharrell@whud.org)

Subject        **Public Notice - Draft NPDES Permit No. IWT000005**  
                  **White House Utility District**  
                  **Sumner County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Harrell:

White House Utility Board (WHUH) withdraws water from the Old Hickory Reservoir at river mile 216.3 in Lower Cumberland River Basin and supplies two retail customers, Simpson County Water District in Kentucky and the Town of Portland, both discharge their water into the Barren River Basin. The water transferred to the Simpson County Water District is grandfathered because this activity predates the Inter-basin Water Transfer Act of 2000. The renewal application is to transfer water amounting to 0.65 million gallons of water per day (MGD) to the Town of Portland. This amount is not an increase from the previous permit. We have completed the review and have determined this application is complete as submitted.

As a result of this determination, we have prepared an approved Public Notice which you will find enclosed. The applicant is responsible for distributing the public notice as follows.

1. Publish the notice of the permit application once a week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each potentially affected community in the river basin of origin. To document this, please provide us with a copy of the newspaper containing the notice for each of the four weeks.
2. Provide notice of the application to a responsible official within each potentially affected community and water user within the proposed basin of origin by certified mail, return receipt requested. To document the performance of this task, please provide to us a copy of the letter sent to each responsible official with a copy of the return receipt.
3. Post a minimum of three public notices in public buildings, e.g., courthouses, libraries, city halls, in each potentially affected community in the river basin of origin.  
To document the performance of this task, please provide to us a list where these notices were posted.

Please perform these tasks beginning as close to January 12, 2015, as possible, and provide the documentation to us by February 28, 2015.

If you have questions, please contact the Knoxville Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Mr. Jim McAdoo at (615) 532-0684 or by E-mail at [Jim.McAdoo@tn.gov](mailto:Jim.McAdoo@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

Vojin Janjic  
Manager, Water-Based Systems

cc:        [Ann.Morbitt@tn.gov](mailto:Ann.Morbitt@tn.gov), Nashville Environmental Field Office

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following applicant has submitted a complete application for a permit in accordance with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Rule 0400-40-13

**White House Utility District**  
**PO Box 608**  
**White House, TN 37188**  
**Inter-basin Water Transfer, permit number IWT000005**  
**Telephone number: 615-672-4110**

The Tennessee Division of Water Resources proposes to issue a water quality NPDES permit to the following applicant who discharges to surface waters:

***Proposed New Issuance***

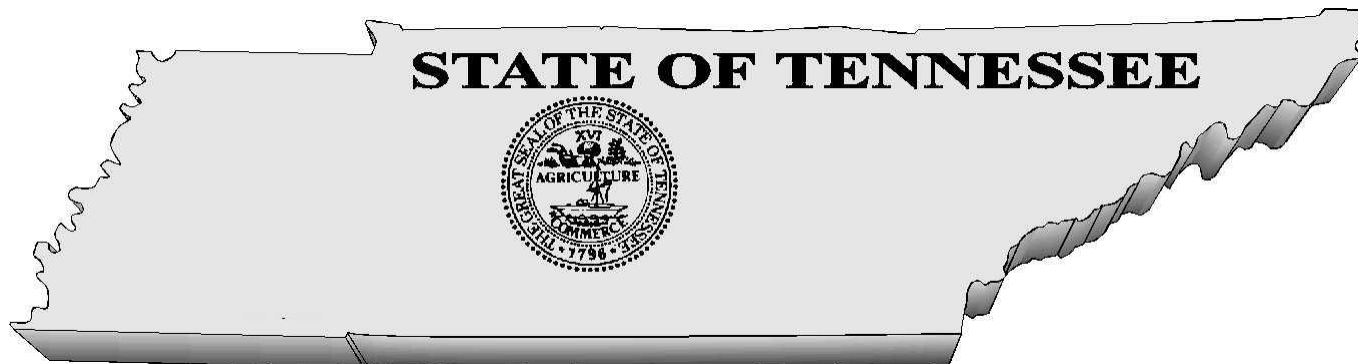
Applicant name	<b>White House Utility District</b>
Permit number	<b>IWT000005</b>
Permit Writer	<b>Jim McAdoo</b>
Discharger rating	<b>Minor</b>
County	<b>Sumner</b>
EFO Name	<b>Nashville Environmental Field Office</b>
Description of activity	<b>Inter-basin Water Transfer</b>
Receiving stream	<b>Transfer water from the Lower Cumberland River Basin to the Barren River Basin</b>

The applicant has proposed to the division to pump up to transfer an 0.65 million of gallons per day (MGD) of water from the Lower Cumberland River Basin to the Barren River Basin

Anyone wishing to comment on the conditions of the proposed permit should submit written comments to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102. Attention: NPDES Comments. Comments should be received by **February 28, 2015** and should include the applicant's name and permit number.

Interested persons may request, in writing, a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the filing party and reasons for the request. If there is significant interest, a hearing will be held pursuant to Division Rule 0400-40-5-.06(12), and the Director will make determinations regarding permit issuance. The application, draft permit, etc., are available for review and/or copying at the above address from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays, except holidays. There is a nominal charge for copying, except single copies of permit applications, draft permits, and supporting rationale. Contact Mr. Jim McAdoo at (615) 532-0684 or by e-mail at [Jim.McAdoo@tn.gov](mailto:Jim.McAdoo@tn.gov) or write for more information at:

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## INTER-BASIN WATER TRANSFER PERMIT

**No. IWT000005**

Authorization to inter-basin transfer water

Issued By

**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
401 Church Street  
6th Floor, L & C Annex  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534**

Under authority of the Tennessee Inter-basin Water Transfer Act of 2000 (Public Chapter No. 854)

Withdrawing System: **White House Utility District**  
Is authorized: **to transfer 1.50 million gallons per day (MGD)**  
From the: **Lower Cumberland River Basin**  
To the : **Barren River Basin**  
Through the: **White House Utility District distribution system**

In accordance with the conditions set forth herein.

This permit shall become effective on:

This permit shall expire on:

Issuance date:

**Draft**

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for Tisha Calabrese Benton  
Director

(1) Transfer Authorization and Monitoring Requirements

White House Utility Board (WHUH) withdraws water from the Old Hickory Reservoir at river mile 216.3 in Lower Cumberland River Basin and supplies two retail customers, Simpson County Water District in Kentucky and the Town of Portland, both discharge their water into the Barren River Basin. The water transferred to the Simpson County Water District is grandfathered because this activity predates the Inter-basin Water Transfer Act of 2000. The renewal application is to transfer water amounting to 0.65 million gallons of water per day (MGD) to the Town of Portland. This amount is not an increase from the previous permit. It is anticipated that some of the water may returned to its originating basin.

White House Utility Board is authorized to transfer water from the Lower Cumberland River basin into the Barren River basin. This transfer shall be conducted by the permittee as specified below:

The maximum amount of transfer allowed by this permit is 1.50 million gallons per day (MGD).

(2) Definitions

All terms used in this permit have the meanings set forth in the Inter-basin Water Transfer Act and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(3) General provisions

(a) Renotification

The permittee is not authorized to transfer water after the expiration date of this permit. A renewal application for this permit will be due at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of this permit.

(b) Right of entry

The permittee shall allow the Director or his authorized representatives:

1. to enter the owner/operator's or person's premises to observe the transfer of water; and
2. to determine compliance with the permit or any impact on the river basin of origin.

(c) Availability of reports

All information submitted in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Division of Water Pollution Control.

(d) Property rights

This permit does not convey or create any property rights, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it override or authorize any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

(e) Severability

The provisions of this permit are severable. If any provision of this permit due to any circumstance is held invalid, then the application of such provision to other circumstances and to the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.

(f) Other information

If the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts during the notification process or submitted incorrect information during the notification process or in any report to the division, then it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

(g) Signatory requirements

1. Written notification submitted to the division shall be signed as follows:

(i) for a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.;

(ii) for a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

(iii) for a municipality, state, federal, or other public facility: either by a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For the purposes of this Section, a principal executive officer of federal agency includes: (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency.

2. All reports required by the permit or information submitted to the division shall be signed by a person designated in part 1 above or a duly authorized representative of such person, if:

(i) the representative so authorized is responsible for the activity, e.g., a plant manager, superintendent or person of equivalent responsibility;

(ii) the authorization is made in writing by the person designated under part 1 above; and

(iii) the written authorization is submitted to the division.

3. Any changes in the written authorization submitted to the division under part 2 above which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the division by submitting a copy of a new written authorization which meets the requirements of parts 1 and 2 above.

3. Any person signing any document under parts 1 and 2 above shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

#### (5) Reporting Requirements

By October 1st of each year, the permittee shall report to the division the average daily amount of inter-basin transfer calculated for the highest continuous 90-day period. The period to be reported shall be from the effective date of the permit to the following June 30th. This information shall be provided to the division in a manner satisfactory to the division.

#### (6) Changes affecting coverage under this permit

##### (a) Planned changes

The permittee shall give notice to the division as soon as possible of planned physical alterations or additions to the same stream inter-basin transfer. Any transfer to another person not in the basin of origin shall receive approval by the division prior to the commencement of the transfer.

(b) Change of mailing address

The permittee shall promptly provide to the division written notice of any change of mailing address. In the absence of such notice the original address of the permittee will be assumed to be correct.

(7) Noncompliance

(a) Effect of noncompliance

All activities shall be consistent with terms and conditions of this permit. Any noncompliance constitutes a violation of applicable State laws and is grounds for enforcement action or termination of coverage under the permit.

(b) Adverse impact

The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to the waters of Tennessee resulting from noncompliance with this permit, including such accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the noncomplying withdrawal. It shall not be a defense for the permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

(8) Liabilities

(a) Civil and criminal liability

Except as provided in this permit, nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance. Notwithstanding this permit, the permittee shall remain liable for any damages sustained by the State of Tennessee, including but not limited to fish kills and losses of aquatic life and/or wildlife, as a result of the withdrawal. Additionally, notwithstanding this permit, it shall be the responsibility of the owner/operator or person to conduct its activities in a manner such that public or private nuisances or health hazards will not be created.

(b) Liability under State law

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law, as amended.

(9) Permit Revocation, Suspension, or Modification

The commissioner may revoke, suspend, or modify any permit for the following reasons:

- (a) A violation of any terms or conditions of this permit;
- (b) Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failing to disclose fully all relevant facts; or
- (c) A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted inter-basin transfer because of reasonably likely adverse impacts to downstream users or the environment.

(10) Permit Appeal Rights

Any person aggrieved by the denial of this permit or the imposition of a permit condition may appeal such matter to the Water Quality Control Board by filing an appeal petition with the commissioner within thirty (30) days of the issuance or denial of the permit.